



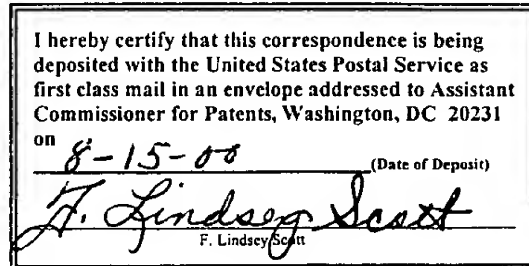
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Title: TURBINE POWER PLANT HAVING MINIMAL-CONTACT BRUSH
SEAL AUGMENTED LABYRINTH SEAL

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT

In response to the office action mailed July 18, 2000 wherein applicant's claims 32 through 40 were rejected under 35 USC 135 (b) please consider the following amendments and comments.

In the claims please add new claim 41 as follows.

41. A stationary gas turbine engine for a power plant, comprising:
- (a) ✓ a multistage axial compressor, the compressor having a rotor, the rotor having a cylindrical land region downstream of a last-stage of the compressor, the land region having an outside diameter D;
 - (b) a turbine shaft-coupled to the rotor of the compressor;
 - (c) a combustor fluid coupled between the compressor and the turbine;
 - (d) a stationary inner barrel member downstream of the compressor, air flowing from the compressor to the combustor passing outside of the inner barrel member, a

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